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REMARKS

1. Between 28 September and 6 October 1953, the 2d Kommando in Rostock which is stationed at the former Fusilier Kaserne on Kopernikus Strasse and which belongs to Armeegruppe Nord was inspected by Major General Hermann Rontzsch. On 28 September, 229 officers and 850 EM had fallen in for the inspection. At the conclusion of the inspection it was stated that only a small percentage of the soldiers had fulfilled the marksmanship requirements. The morale and political attitude of the unit was considered adequate. Between 8 and 15 October, the bulk of the unit was detached for harvesting work.

2. In early October, Lieutenant Colonel Wildner, commanding officer of the unit, went on leave. His functions were exercised by Captain Max, chief of staff of the unit. Captain Max's deputy was Senior Lieutenant Meier. Major Wicke, previously supply officer, was transferred. He was replaced by Junior Lieutenant Dietrich. Captain Schirmer was political officer of the unit.

3. During the period under review, the recruits of the 2d Abteilung of the 2d Kommando were already being trained with 76.2-mm AT guns. A night march held on 20 October, had to be suspended after 12 km because most of the soldiers suffered from foot troubles. The soldiers had to be trucked back to the barracks installations.

4. Between 30 September and 23 October, the KVP personnel quartered at the Fusilier Kaserne in Rostock increased to more than 1,000 men, most of them recruits. Individual infantry training and training in squads has been observed in the billeting area since early October. The soldiers seen wore crimson service color. Motor vehicles observed at the installation

Comment. The 2d Infantry Kommando (regiment) of Bereitschaft Schwerin, which belongs to Armeegruppe Nord, has again been confirmed by the present report. Lieutenant Colonel Wildner was previously known as being the commanding officer of this unit. In late September and early October, Major General Rontzsch, commanding general of Armeegruppe Nord, made an inspection of the units under his command. Information on the arrival of sizeable numbers of recruits was transmitted previously.

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